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Magalie R. Salas, Esquire  
Secretary  
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1919 M Street, N.W.  
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Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation  
Paxson Communications Corporation  
MM Docket Nos. 91-221; 87-7; 87-8; 96-222

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.106 of the Commission's Rules, the attached written submissions to the Commissioners' are submitted in duplicate to be associated with the files in the above-referenced proceedings.

Very truly yours,

  
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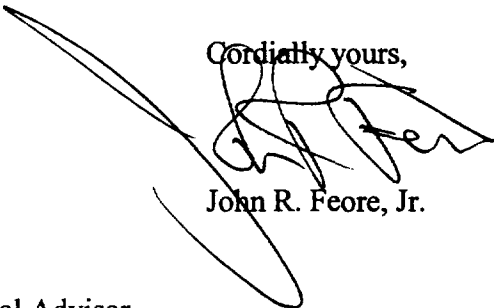
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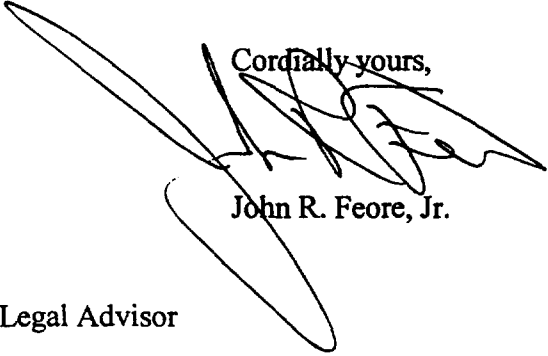
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